



St. Alban's C of E Primary School

HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER TO PARENTS

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Dear Parents




I know it is only a week since my last newsletter but this is always a busy term with plenty to remember!

GOVERNOR VACANCIES

There are two vacancies on the Governing Body for Foundation Governors. A Foundation Governor can be anyone who attends church regularly; it can be a parent, but need not be, ie grandparents can apply. All applications go through to the Portsmouth Diocese for approval. The Governing Body are a strength of St Alban's and their expertise does much to enhance the education of the pupils. If you are interested in this important role, please do make an appointment to discuss it with either me or Mr Alan Welton, the current Chairman of Governors. Appointments can be made via the school office.



ST ALBAN'S DAY

 Just a reminder that on Friday 20 June, we will be celebrating St Alban's Day. Traditionally, children wear something red on this day, ie red socks, a red handkerchief in their shirt pocket, red ribbons in their hair, a red sash or a piece of ribbon pinned onto their jumper or shirt. Please support one of our very own traditions.

COMPLIMENTS



Following class visits this term, the staff at various venues have complemented our children on their manners and behaviour, eg the Year 2 trip to the Countryside Education Trust, the Year 5 trip to Beaulieu and the visiting willow sculptor. I have told the children in assembly how proud of them I am.

FREE RANGE SCHOOL DINNERS



We have been asked by our catering service to pass the following information to parents:

Hampshire Caterers are working on increasing the number of local products used in school meals. We are therefore pleased to have arranged a contract with a local egg farmer in the New Forest, for free range eggs. The eggs are used in all our homemade items on the menu.

These free range eggs join our increasing selection of local produce used in school meals: pork for our sausages, beef in meatballs and burgers, milk, fish, cheese and vegetables.

For more information about primary school meals, please contact Amanda Frost, Head of Catering Services or Sylvie Babout, Head of Primary Operations & Training. Both can be contacted via 023 8062 9388 or e-mail HC3S.Support@hants.gov.uk

HOLIDAYS DURING TERM TIME

Parents requesting holidays in school time continues to be an ongoing problem for the school. Continuity affects a child's education and there are very strict guidelines that Headteachers have to follow in order to agree a holiday. The fact that holidays are cheaper cannot be an acceptable reason. I accept that this causes tension between parents and the school but as a Headteacher I am the custodian of my pupils' education and I shall continue not to approve two week holidays or any request for time off during May or September.

SPORTS DAY

Infant Sports: 10.45-11.30am
H.S.A. Fair: 11.30am-1.00pm
Junior Sports: 1.15-3.30pm



The Junior Playground will be open for parking from 10.20am. Please park here and not on Littlegreen Avenue.

If any parents are able to help at 8.00am on the day, please let the school office know.

If the weather is unsettled, I will make a decision by 8.00am and boards will be placed at the gates informing parents. The H.S.A fair will still go ahead on 20 June, but the reserve Sports Day will be Friday 4 July.

SUMMER FAIR



The HSA still need plenty of items for the summer fair next week, so please keep sending anything you can for the following stalls:

Soft toy tombola
Toys and books
Bottle tombola
Plants (day before or on the day)
Cakes (on the day)

Thank you very much for your support.

50TH ANNIVERSARY

50 In September, the school will celebrate its 50th Anniversary and the children will be having a special day on 8 September. The Bishop will preside at a celebratory Eucharist and a number of past staff, governors and pupils from 1958 will be at the school. If you know anyone who was linked with St Alban's 50 years ago, please contact the school office or ask them to send their details to St Alban's C of E Primary School, PO Box 216, Havant PO9 9BY.

UPDATED WEBSITE



As you are aware from my earlier letter, we are in the process of updating our school website and as part of the planning process Governors and staff have researched the websites on offer for other schools.

As a result of this research we would like our updated website to include video clips of the school council leading virtual tours of the classrooms, video clips of our wonderful choir singing and photographs of school events. The new website will also have more information for parents about how to help their children at home and about the curriculum, as was requested on the Parental Feedback forms following Numeracy Day in March.

The new website will be launched in September 2008 as part of our 50th anniversary celebrations.

If you do not wish your child to appear on the new website please either complete the form on my previous letter or write a letter to me or the school office. If we do not receive a completed form or written notification we shall assume that permission has been granted.

CLASSES FOR SEPTMEBER 2008

Please find below the class teachers and their teaching assistants for September 2008.



Reception

Teacher: Mrs L Skipp
Teaching Assistant: Mrs S Thomas/Mrs J Welton

Year 1

Teacher: Mrs S James
Teaching Assistant: Mrs J Howard

Year 2

Teacher: Mrs J Phillips
(Mr Johnson one day a week)
Teaching Assistant: Mrs M Hoad

Year 3

Teacher: Mrs C Hardyman
Teaching Assistant: Mr E Yelf (Numeracy)
Mrs T James (Literacy)
Mrs N Sadler

Year 4

Teacher: Miss P Gick
Teaching Assistant: Mr E Yelf (Numeracy)
Mrs S James (Literacy)
Mrs N Sadler

Year 5

Teacher: Mrs C Inskip/Mr I Johnson
Teaching Assistant: Mrs A Flores

Year 6

Teacher: Mrs C Olive-Jones
Teaching Assistant: Mrs E Robinson

Mrs Watt is the SENCO and will cover the KS2 teachers' statutory non-contact time.
Miss Newman will work in KS1/2 to cover the teachers' statutory non-contact time.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Mon 16 June	Staff training day
Wed 18 June	HSA Non uniform day
Fri 20 June	Sports Day & Summer Fair
Wed 25 June	Caroline Howard at school
Fri 27 June	Staff training day
Thurs 10 July	KS2 Concert (afternoon)
Fri 11 July	KS2 Concert (evening)
Thurs 17 July	Caroline Howard at school
Thurs 17 July	Open Evening
Tues 22 July	End of Term Eucharist and last day of term
Wed 23 July	Staff training day
3 & 4 Sept	Staff training days
Fri 5 Sept	Children return to school

With best wishes